



Licia Thomson

April 5, 1923 to March 19, 2016

Licia is a native Californian, born in Sacramento. She moved to southern California as a child, then lived in Berkeley when she was eight, returning full circle to Sacramento for high school. She has had a life-long love of music, starting with piano lessons and then specializing in flute. She studied with the principal flutist of the San Francisco Symphony and continued with her musical activities during the years she was raising her family. She played with community symphonies and various chamber music groups as well as teaching the flute.

Licia met her husband in high school and they were married before he joined the Navy in WWII. They lived in Richmond, Pleasant Hill, Fullerton, Walnut Creek and Orinda while raising four children. They moved to San Jose and then lived in Los Gatos for 30 years. He died five years ago.

When her youngest child was in high school, Licia went to San Jose State University at 45 to earn a degree in public relations. She then worked for nonprofit agencies including Goodwill and spent ten years at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose. Licia has been very active in AAUW and other community groups. Her favorite travels included family camping in the U.S. and Canada. Later she and her husband traveled by camper in Europe. She now has six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren! Licia and her three sisters have frequent family reunions which reunite four generations. Licia learned about SRC by attending a workshop at Los Gatos Senior Center given by Lee Ann Wolfe, a resident in 1204. She enjoys two book groups, playing bridge and visiting her family.